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To: Chairman Johnson, Commissioners Hodson, Huguenin, Leidigh, and Remy
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Subject: Legislative Report
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As reported in the January legislative report, two bills affecting the Political Reform Act were introduced in December. There have been no changes in the status of these bills, and no additional bills have been introduced that would affect the Political Reform Act.

Current Legislation

AB 7 (Krekorian)

Independent Expenditures

This bill would add reporting requirements for committees that support or oppose ballot measures if the committee has major donors of \$50,000 or more. This bill is identical to the language of amended AB 2552 (Krekorian), which did not pass through the Senate on August 29, 2008. **Status: Introduced in Assembly**

AB 9 (J. Perez)

Expenditures by Governmental Agencies for Communications about a Ballot Measure

This bill would clarify existing law that an expenditure includes the payment of public moneys by a state agency or local government agency, or by an agent of that agency, for a communication to the electorate within the jurisdiction of that agency regarding a clearly identified measure, except if the communication constitutes a fair and impartial presentation of the facts relating to the measure or the communication is otherwise required by law. **Status: Introduced in Assembly**

Commission-Sponsored Legislation

Meetings with legislative staff are ongoing in an attempt to identify an author for amendments to Government Code section 82013, changing the "major donor" committee threshold. The Legislative Counsel deadline has been met for this proposal and the bill introduction deadline for the 2009 legislative year is February 27, 2009.